

AN ACT in relation to transportation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Township Code is amended by adding
Section 30-117 as follows:

(60 ILCS 1/30-117 new)

Sec. 30-117. Special services; disaster relief. The electors may authorize the use of general road and bridge funds or town funds for the purpose of collecting, transporting, and disposing of brush and leaves generated from those properties contiguous to roads as defined by Section 2-103. Further, the electors may allow general road and bridge or town funds to also be used for the purpose of providing disaster relief and support services approved by the Township Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled or special meeting.

Section 10. The Illinois Highway Code is amended by changing Sections 6-201.6 and 6-201.7 and adding Section 6-201.21 as follows:

(605 ILCS 5/6-201.6) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-201.6)

Sec. 6-201.6. Direct the expenditure of all moneys collected in the district for road purposes, including those purposes allowed under Section 6-201.21 of this Code, and draw warrants on the district treasurer therefor, provided such warrants are countersigned by the district clerk.

(Source: Laws 1959, p. 196.)

(605 ILCS 5/6-201.7) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-201.7)

Sec. 6-201.7. Construct, maintain and repair and be

responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of roads within the district, let contracts, employ labor and purchase material and machinery therefor, subject to the limitations provided in this Code. No contract shall be let for the construction or repair of any road or part thereof in excess of the amount of \$10,000, nor shall any material, machinery or other appliances to be used in road construction or maintenance of roads in excess of such amount be purchased, nor shall several contracts each for an amount of \$10,000 or less be let for the construction or repair of any road or part thereof when such construction or repair is in reality part of one project costing more than \$10,000, nor shall any material, machinery or other appliance to be used therein be purchased under several contracts each for an amount of \$10,000 or less, if such purchases are essentially one transaction amounting to more than \$10,000, without the written approval of the county superintendent of highways in the case of road districts other than consolidated township road districts or without the written approval of the highway board of auditors in the case of consolidated township road districts. Contracts, labor, machinery, disposal, and incidental expenses related to special services under Section 6-201.21 of this Code constitute maintenance, for purposes of this Section.

Except for professional services, when the cost of construction, materials, supplies, new machinery or equipment exceeds \$10,000, the contract for such construction, materials, supplies, machinery or equipment shall be let, after the above written approval is obtained, to the lowest responsible bidder after advertising for bids at least once, and at least 10 days prior to the time set for the opening of such bids, in a newspaper published within the township or road district, or, if no newspaper is published within the township or road district then in one published within the

county, or, if no newspaper is published within the county then in a newspaper having general circulation within the township or road district, but, in case of an emergency, such contract may be let without advertising for bids upon the approval of the County Superintendent of Highways expressing in writing the existence of such emergency and, in the case of consolidated township road districts, upon the approval of the highway board of auditors. For purposes of this Section "new machinery or equipment" shall be defined as that which has been previously untitled or that which shows fewer than 200 hours on its operating clock and that is accompanied by a new equipment manufacturer's warranty.

(Source: P.A. 92-268, eff. 1-1-02.)

(605 ILCS 5/6-201.21 new)

Sec. 6-201.21. Special services; disaster relief. Subject to Section 30-117 of the Township Code, the highway commissioner has authority to provide for orderly collection and disposal of brush and leaves that have been properly placed for collection along the road district rights-of-way in accordance with local guidelines in those townships or counties that regulate by ordinance open burning of brush or leaves. Further, the highway commissioner has authority to provide necessary relief services following the occurrence of an event that has been declared a disaster by State or local officials. The highway commissioner has purchasing authority, subject to Section 6-201.6, and contractual authority as defined in Section 6-201.7 of this Code.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.